

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The final Office Action dated March 24, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 5, 9, and 11 have been amended. Claim 6 has been canceled. Claims 1-5 and 7-24 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the Examiner is thanked for the indicated allowability of claims 1-4 and 18-24 and the allowable subject matter of claims 6 and 8-17.

The Office Action rejected claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,207,074 to *Cox et al.* (hereinafter “*Cox*”). The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The Applicants have amended claim 5 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and submit that claim 5 is now allowable over *Cox* and request that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claim 7, which depends from claim 5, is also allowable.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner may call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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